

Mackinac Bridge July Traffic Report

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Henry A. Lotoszinski, Executive Secretary of the Mackinac Bridge Authority, reported today that 685,603 vehicles crossed the Mackinac Bridge during the month of July. This represents a 1.4 percent increase when compared to the 675,900 crossings during July 2001. Fare revenue for the month was up 2.3 percent compared to last year, going from \$1,339,858 to \$1,370,229. Commercial traffic for the month of July was up 3.4 percent. Truck crossings were up 3.8 percent and bus crossings were down 3.3 percent.

Traffic for the first seven months of 2002 is running 0.7 percent ahead of last year's pace; 2,547,016 vehicles compared to 2,530,182 in 2001. Fare revenue in 2002 totals \$5,751,452 compared to \$5,745,358 last year, an increase of 0.1 percent. Commercial traffic for the first seven months of 2002 is down 2.8 percent over the same period of last year.

Mr. Lotoszinski reported that construction activity continues at the Mackinac Bridge. This year's maintenance and construction programs include total paint removal and repainting of the south side span, cable inspection, and installation of a traffic monitoring system. Mr. Lotoszinski asks that travelers drive with extreme caution during the construction season, slow down, be aware of our construction workers, and "Give 'em a Brake".